

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 3 and 5. The first sheet which includes Figures 3 and 4 replaces the original sheet including Figures 3 and 4. In Figure 3, the element 23 which defines a pinion as set forth on page 6, line 20 of the specification is now depicted. The second attached sheet of drawings which includes Figures 5-7 replaces the original sheet including Figures 5-7. In Figure 5, element 39 has been changed to element --31-- as was helpfully suggested by the Primary Examiner in his Official Action.

REMARKS

The application has been amended as needed so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

In the course of this revision, the specification has been amended as was helpfully suggested by the Primary Examiner in his Official Action. In addition, as was pointed out above, two replacement sheets of drawings have been submitted to label element 23 in Figure 3, and to correctly label element 31 in Figure 5.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The Primary Examiner's well-taken formal criticisms of these claims were borne in mind as points to be corrected when drafting the new claims. Specifically, new claims 11-20 were drafted in such a manner as to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded by applicants as their invention. When drafting the new claims, great care was taken to ensure that the terms recited therein possess proper antecedent basis. Thus, new claims 11-20 are believed to set out and circumscribe a particular slide feeding unit for a microscope, with a reasonable degree of precision and particularity, when read in light of the teachings of the original specification. It is respectfully submitted that a person having ordinary skill in the art would be reasonably apprised of the metes and bounds of new claims 11-20.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, has been overcome and should not be applied to new claims 11-20.

The Primary Examiner had kindly indicated that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph.

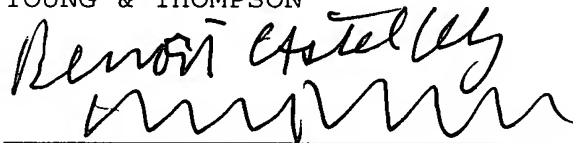
By the present amendment, as was pointed out above, it is believed that the same has been effected.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance on the basis of new claims 11-20 are accordingly earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following items:

- replacement drawing sheets
- new Abstract of the Disclosure